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Letter dated 1 June 2018 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Libya to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

On the initiative of the President of France, Emmanuel Macron, a conference for the Libyan parties was held in France on 29 May 2018 aimed at bridging the gap between Libyans and bringing about stability in Libya. The conference was attended by the President of the Presidency Council of the Government of National Accord, the President of the House of Representatives, the President of the High Council of State and the Commander of the Libyan National Army, with the presence of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General, Ghassan Salamé, and a number of State representatives. A joint statement was adopted at the conference emphasizing the eight-point declaration for the achievement of stability in Libya.

Thus, upon instructions from my Government, I should like to inform you that we are seeking the support of your esteemed Council for the content set out in the joint statement (see annex) issued at the Paris conference that would lead to the achievement of peace and stability in Libya, while emphasizing the following elements:

1. The need to commit to a constitutional and legal foundation for the elections;

2. To urge all parties to commit to the provisions stipulated in the joint statement, and the need to hold accountable those who obstruct the implementation of the statement;

3. To comply precisely with the timelines set in the statement, namely 16 September 2018 as the date to set the constitutional basis for elections and adopt the necessary electoral laws and 10 December 2018 as the date set to hold parliamentary and presidential elections.

The Government of National Accord is awaiting the strong support provided by the Council for this initiative, in which we see a big opportunity to take Libya out of the current political crisis and achieve safety and stability in the country, and hopes to have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Council.

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Annex to the letter dated 1 June 2018 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Libya to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Joint statement by Fayez al-Sarraj, Aguila Saleh, Khalid Meshri, Khalifa Haftar

Paris — 29 May 2018

Recalling the commitment of the international community to support the peace, security, and stability of Libya;

Recalling that the current political and security situation in Libya is not sustainable;

Recalling the resounding call of all Libyans for credible, inclusive, and peaceful elections;

In accordance with the December 17, 2015 Libyan Political Agreement (LPA);

In accordance with the inclusive political roadmap presented at the United Nations (UN) on September 20, 2017, and endorsed by the international community:

Against the backdrop of a Libyan-owned process and the full engagement of all Libyan parties involved, we committed in Paris on May 29, 2018, under the auspices of the UN and in the presence of representatives of the international community, to work constructively with the UN to realize credible and peaceful elections as soon as possible and to respect the results of these elections when they occur. We further agreed to the following principles, in support of the UN's efforts to stabilize Libya:

Recognition of the importance of developing a constitutional basis for elections and support for the United Nations Special Representative of the Secretary General (SRSG) as he consults with Libyan authorities on a proposal and timeline for adopting the constitution. The adoption of the constitution will be a key moment for the sovereignty of the Libyan nation.

Agreement on the organization of parliamentary as well as presidential elections, as determined by the SRSG, in consultation with the Government of National Accord (GNA), House of Representatives (HoR), High State Council (HSC), and High National Electoral Commission (HNEC). The parties have committed to set the constitutional basis for elections and adopt the necessary electoral laws by September 16, 2018 and hold Parliamentary and Presidential elections on December 10, 2018. Elections must be well-prepared with all the Libyan institutions, to advance the shared objective of stabilizing and unifying Libya.

Commit solemnly to accept the requirements for elections outlined in the SRSG's briefing to the UN Security Council on May 21, including a new session of voter registration for an additional period determined by the High National Election Commission in liaison with the UN.

Libyan leaders commit to accept the results of elections, and ensure appropriate funds and strong security arrangements are in place. Those who violate or obstruct the electoral process will be held accountable.

Agreement to work constructively with the UN to ensure that the required technical, legislative, political, and security conditions are in place for national elections, including the adoption and implementation of the requisite electoral laws by the HoR according to the adopted timeline, and the consultation mechanism with the High State Council (HSC) agreed on in the LPA.

Libya's official security forces, with appropriate support and coordination from the UN as well as regional organizations and international community, will be responsible for safeguarding the electoral process and ensuring the right of all Libyans to peacefully and democratically express their will about the country's future. Any obstruction or interference with the voting process will not be tolerated, and those responsible will be held accountable.

Commitment to improve the atmosphere for national elections by all means possible, including by moving the seat of the HoR in line with the Constitutional Declaration, and working to eventually phasing out bring an end to duplication parallel of government institutions and structures government and institutions, and to for encourage HoR and HSC to work immediately on the unifying of the Libyan Central Bank and other institutions.

Commitment to support the United Nations efforts in building professional, accountable, and unified military and security institutions, to encourage the ongoing Cairo dialogue, and to work constructively toward the unification of Libya's military and security institutions.

Agreement to participate in an inclusive political conference to follow-up on the implementation of this statement, under the UN auspices and with respect for the timeframe and modalities determined by the SRSG, alongside with Libyan institutions. As Libyan leaders make these commitments, the international community stands united in support of all Libyans as they work constructively with the UN toward credible, secure, and peaceful national elections and strive to realize a more prosperous future for the people of Libya through appropriate and substantial reforms to their economic model.